



## Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2013

### Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (16, September, 2013)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 16, September, 2013 at 301 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 1:05 PM

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair Ron Lucey, Chip Howe, Kathy Keller, Norman Kieke, Adam Slosberg, Tanya Winters

**Staff in Attendance:** Dolores Gonzalez

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Tanya Winters to approve the August 12, 2013 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.

- 1. OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action – Proposed Visitability language to be added to International Residential Code - follow up.  
Council date for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> hearings is proposed for Nov 7.  
Dolores will resend Norman's email to council members to follow up with their individual council members and mayor.

**NEW BUSINESS:** For Discussion and possible action

**Presentation: No Show:** Dana DeBeauvoir, Travis County Clerk – Discussion of new Voter ID law enforcement and information to disseminate.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters**

- Disability Mentoring Day (DMD)
  - Commissioner Kathy Keller updated the committee on the DMD matching meetings; they were very successful. This year's program will have about 100 mentees participating and the committee is working to get out the Acceptance Packets. Details for the day of the event including food, supplies and panelists are being finalized. Mayor Pro Tem has agreed to present the DMD proclamation. The celebration event is scheduled for October 16 starting at 12:30 at the Goodwill Community Center at 1015 Norwood Park Blvd.

#### **Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey**

- Employment and Awards
  - Awards Committee, Chair Ron Lucey, updated the committee on the AMCPD Awards Program. The Awards Committee met on Friday September 13 to strategize on getting more nominations. Chair Lucey

would like to stress that the online nomination form is very easy to fill out and the categories are all defined. He provided descriptions for the Media Award, Distinguished Service Award and the Martha Arbuckle Meritorious Service Award. The deadline for submitting nominations is September 27, for additional information call 512-974-3256.

Texas Disability Taskforce on Emergency Management

- Commissioner Lucey updated the committee on the state emergency Taskforce that he currently sits on. He stated that the taskforce addresses the functional needs of people with disability in planning for emergencies. Commissioner Lucey discussed voluntary registration for people with disabilities through the State of Texas Emergency Assistance Registry (STEAR) in by calling 211. Commissioner Lucey said the Taskforce is looking for local city or county data custodians to utilize the voluntary data during emergencies.

2. **ACTION ITEMS: A motion to support the PAC Resolution, as written, was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.**

4. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the September 16, 2013 meeting.

6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** Citizen communications for the September 16, 2013 meeting included:

**Leah Bojo, Council Member Chris Riley's Office** – Creation of Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC)

- Ms. Bojo presented a resolution on PAC to the AMCPD. A revitalized group called Walk Austin is on board with the idea. She mentioned that other groups are talking about formalizing relationships and that the PAC, if created, would also have a city liaison.
- Chair Jesus Lardizabal asked Ms. Bojo if the bike and pedestrian program would merge with the PAC. She replied that the groups would not merge, but work together. PAC would seek partnership with other groups such as PARD, Capital Metro and the ADA Access and Sidewalk Task Force.
- Commissioner Ron Lucey asked Ms. Bojo if the PAC would become an official city board or commission. She replied saying no, but the PAC would have a city liaison, as identified in the resolution.

A motion to support the PAC Resolution, as written, was made by Commissioner Ron Lucey. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kathy Keller. All approved.

**Nancy Crowther- Austin Interfaith Inclusion Network.** <http://onestarfoundation.org/>

- The Network will be hosting a free annual conference at Dell Jewish Community Center on October 16; please register at <http://onestarfoundation.org/>
- There is accessible registration, many inter faith organizations will be participating in the conference, tool kits will be distributed, and the Network is working to ensure accessibility.

#### **Antoinette Butler - citizen**

- Ms. Butler wanted to share an issue with people with disabilities (pwd) have many skills and abilities, but live in poverty. She wants to make pwd aware that starting a business could be a seed of greatness and help in not leaving a legacy of debt. PWD don't have to just sit at home; pwd can do something. A starting point of initiating a business and moving forward would be to contact Vision quest MP.
- Commissioner Ron Lucey suggested to Antoinette to look into working with; the DARS Vocational Rehabilitation Program, who may be able help with startup costs for PWD wanting to start their own business. Commissioner Lucey also said that the AMCPD supports entrepreneurs through the disability & employee awards program.
- Commissioner Tanya Winters – suggested Antoinette contact VSA Texas Open Minds- Open Doors project

#### **7. STAFF BRIEFING: Dolores Gonzalez**

- Budget: report: There were no expenses the month of September, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00
- Dolores participated in the judging of the Leadership Institute student programs. This is a separate initiative under the Austin Travis County Work base Learning Program that includes students with and without disabilities. She said the program judged three presentations marketing products that included: Power Points, skits, rappers, dancing interspersed with facts, creativity and humor. Choosing the winner was difficult, but it was a wonderful experience.
- Dolores participated in the Pedestrian Safety Action Plan Workshop. This was a program designed to make the City and Central Texas Region safer for pedestrians. Through the program, she learned about pedestrian signals, traffic calming devices, and audible signals. On the last day of the program Dolores and other participants worked on a draft plan for pedestrian safety. There will be an opportunity, through the program, for input and she has added the AMCPD as a stakeholder. Dolores will be participating in a few more meetings to fine tune the plan; she will update the committee on those meetings.
- The ADA Office continues to conduct Annual Onsite Visits with all City Departments. These meetings offer an opportunity to discuss requirements of the ADA, communication, training, and just check to see if there is anyway the ADA Office can assist a department. Dolores met with NHCD in August.

#### **CALENDAR**

- Sept 28 Next Body Shift performance “Bridging the Gap” at the Pedestrian Bridge; A partnership with VSA Texas and Forklift Dance works.
- Oct 3 Disability Mentoring Day Proclamation presentation at Council Chambers 301 W 2<sup>nd</sup> Street
- Oct 15 White Cane Day
- Oct 16 Disability Mentoring Day at Goodwill Community Center
- Oct 28 Disability and Employment Awards at the Crowne Plaza
- Nov 1 & 2 CTD Film Festival Alamo Drafthouse Anderson Lane

8. **Future Agenda Items:** Future agenda item discussed during September 16, 2013 included: Emergency Preparedness, the Work base Learning Program, A Public Hearing set for November Meeting regarding the Affordable Care Act; the committee would like an update from NHCD on ABR program funding.

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the September 16, 2013, meeting by Commissioner Ron Lucey; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved.